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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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| Application No.: | 09/806,304 | Confirm. No.: | 6723 |
| Filing Date: | March 29, 2001 | Art Unit: | 3679 |
| First Inventor: | Alain Brochez | Customer No.: | 23364 |
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| For: | CORNER JOINT AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME | | |

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Interview Summary dated April 16, 2010 in the above application.

Statement of the substance of the interview conducted on April 12, 2010

Applicants are appreciative of the opportunity to discuss the pending application with the examiner during the interview on April 12, 2010.

During the interview, the supporting documents accompanying the response filed March 15, 2010 were discussed. In particular, the report included in Appendix C was discussed. The examiner indicated that since the report is not in the English language, it is not considered to be proper evidence. The examiner further indicated that even if a

translation of the report were provided, it does not appear that the test results can be linked to the claimed triangular shape or some other aspect of the insert. The examiner indicated that evidence of criticality of the notch shape being triangular versus any other shape should be submitted.

Applicant's representative indicated that the prior art did not disclose the specifics of the recited structure of the claimed insert. In particular, the minimal contact of the insert with the outer wall. The examiner indicated that the outer wall could be deformed to contact an inclined part, and thus, the claimed inclined part did not necessarily require minimal contact with the outer wall.

The examiner reiterated the indicated allowability of the subject matter of claim 88. Applicant's representative indicated that the applicant did not want to merge claim 88 into claim 85 at this time.

Applicant's representative requested time to consult with the applicant regarding the possibility of filing a supplemental amendment/response.

At this time, no such supplemental amendment/response will be filed.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicants' attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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